GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Palakkad Coach Factory
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways has approved to establish a coach factory at Palakkad in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Yes, Madam.
(b) & (c) The work of setting up of Rail Coach Factory at Palakkad in Kerala has been sanctioned in Railway Budget 2012-13 at an anticipated cost of `550 crore in JV/PPP mode. Land for the project has been purchased by Railways from Government of Kerala. M/s RITES have been appointed as consultant for bid process management. A request for qualification (RFQ) was floated in September, 2013 but had to be discharged as no responsive bids were received. Subsequently, the business model of the project was reviewed through the consultant to make it more conducive to investment. Presently, the requirement of coaches vis-Ã -vis available manufacturing capacity is under review.
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